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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment in response to the Office Action of October 15, 2008 and an English translation of German Patent Application No. 103 14 670.9 (on which foreign priority is based), along with an Affidavit of accuracy.

Applicants respectfully petition for one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of October 15, 2008, for which a three-month response period expired on January 15, 2009. The extended period for response expires on February 15, 2009.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also submitted herewith.

The total fee of \$310.00 (\$130.00 extension of time fee and \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee) is being paid by credit card.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or to credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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